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COTTON HARVEST AHEAD OF FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

As of September 24, **Cotton** was reported as 100 percent of bolls open, compared to 93 percent last year and 97 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** harvest also remains ahead of last year and the five-year average. **Cotton** was reported as 15 percent harvested, compared to 4 percent last year, and 10 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 8 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 22 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest activity remained relatively constant compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 39 percent not being harvested, 3 percent light, 31 percent moderate, and 27 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 8 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 16 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 20 percent very poor, 32 percent poor, 34 percent fair, and 14 percent good. **Livestock**

were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short to adequate. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Temperatures throughout the State remained above average for the week of September 24. Temperatures ranged from 7 degrees above normal at Flagstaff and Winslow to 3 degrees above normal at Gila Bend and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Coolidge and Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 40 degrees at Flagstaff and Canyon De Chelly. Precipitation was reported at three stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.02 inches at Douglas to 0.13 inches at Willcox with fourteen stations reporting no precipitation.

Last week producers in western Arizona shipped watermelons.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 17-SEPTEMBER 23, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	64	5	95	40	0.00	4.56	6.78
Casa Grande	82	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	2.19	6.39
Coolidge	81	4	109	64	0.00	2.92	5.93
Douglas	73	5	94	60	0.02	8.65	10.39
Flagstaff	56	7	84	40	0.00	9.82	16.42
Gila Bend	86	3	109	71	0.00	3.11	4.67
Grand Canyon	57	5	85	42	0.00	10.83	11.70
Kingman	74	-6	97	58	0.00	4.36	7.24
Parker	86	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	3.06
Payson	66	6	94	51	0.00	11.59	15.83
Phoenix	85	4	106	74	0.00	4.20	5.18
Prescott Airport	66	4	91	51	0.00	8.10	10.52
Safford Ag Center	74	4	99	58	0.03	4.56	6.92
Tucson	80	5	101	72	0.00	6.03	8.85
Willcox	72	3	94	56	0.13	6.03	9.56
Winslow	67	7	96	51	0.00	3.12	5.69
Yuma	86	4	105	71	0.00	0.74	2.12

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.